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FHE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE MONTHLY
MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6.

1. AMBASSADOR DEAN REPORTED ON DRUG DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON
BETWEEN AMBASSADOR VANCE AND HEMISPHERE COMS AT RECENT CON-
FERENCE OF COMS. ONE MAJOR ISSUE CENTERED ON THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE U.S. DESIRE TO STOP THE FLOW OF DRUGS AND THE NECES-
SITY TO MEET CONSULAR OBLIGATIONS REGARDING PROTECTION AND WELFARE
OF U.S. CITIZENS CAUGHT TRAFFICKING NARCOTICS. ANOTHER WAS THE
PROBLEM INHERENT IN INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DEA AGENTS IN THE
HEMISPHERE AT A TIME WHEN SUSPICIONS AND SENSITIVITIES RELATING
TO CIA INVESTIGATIONS ARE RUNNING HIGH.

2. AMBASSADOR DEAN ALSO DISCUSSED THE SUGGESTION WE HAD MADE EARLIER
OF INITIATING REGIONAL MEETINGS ON DRUG (ESPECIALLY COCAINE)
CONTROL. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THECLIMATE IN PERU AT THIS TIME
WAS NOT PROPITIOUS FOR A U.S. APPROACH TO THE MINISTRY OF
INTERIOR TO ENCOURAGE SUCH MEETINGS. THE IDEA SHOULD NOT BE
DROPPED BUT HELD IN ABEYANCE.

3. THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE THEN DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF CON-
VINCING THE GOP TO REDUCE PERUVIAN COCA PRODUCTION. MR. SMITH
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SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF APPROACHING PRIME MINISTER MORALES

BERMUEZ. MR. SAUCEDO URGED THAT A MULTI-FRONT APPROACH SHOULD BE USED TO PRESENT THE PROBLEM TO MANY GOP LEVELS AT THE SAME TIME. AMBASSADOR DEAN ASKED THAT INFORMATIVE MATERIAL BE GATHERED FOR POSSIBLE USE BY INTERIOR MINISTER RICHTER OR OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS IN A SPEECH ON THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF COCA PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION.

4. ON PENDING MATTERS, MR. SMITH REFERRED TO THE \$100,000 AVAILABLE TO PIP FOR ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. MR. FINBERG NOTED THAT OBLIGATION OF THE FUNDS IS AWAITING A SPECIFIC PLAN TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIONS POLICE. PIP HAS ONLY SUBMITTED A LIMITED PLAN AT THIS TIME. MR. BARNEBEY ASKED THAT MR. SMITH, MR. SAUCEDO AND MR. FINBERG MEET TO DISCUSS WAYS TO GET PIP TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SO THAT THE FUNDS CAN BE OBLIGATED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.
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